

## Chapter 1.1.1

### Definitions

#### Basic disease security conditions

- a) The United States does not agree with the proposed change of the current term “Prescribed biosecurity conditions” in the 2003 Edition of Aquatic Code to “basic disease security conditions”. The proposed change in the term may be due to the evolving definition of the word “biosecurity”; however, rationale for the proposed change in the terminology is obscure. If the term is changed, the United States proposes that the replacement term “basic biosecurity requirements” will provide clarity. We acknowledge the definition for biosecurity is evolving.
- b) Item (a) under the proposed term “Basic disease security conditions” states “the disease is compulsorily notifiable to the competent Authority, including notification of suspicion.”. The United States agrees that notifiable diseases should be reported to the competent Authority based on the definitive diagnosis of a disease but not on the mere suspicion of a disease. We suggest item (a) should read the disease is compulsorily notifiable to the Competent Authority;